

HANCOCK COUNTY BANK

BAY ST. LOUIS, MISSISSIPPI

RESOURCES

OVER TWO MILLION DOLLARS

NO ACCOUNT TOO SMALL TO SERVE.

EACH PASSING YEAR FOR NEARLY A QUARTER OF A CENTURY, THE RELIABILITY AND STRENGTH OF THE HANCOCK COUNTY BANK HAS COMMANDED GREATER AND GREATER ATTENTION.

OUR PROGRESS AND GROWTH HAVE BEEN CONSISTENT AND SUBSTANTIAL AND CONTINUES SO BY THE CONFIDENCE OF THE SECTION SERVED BY US.

OUR EFFORTS TO RENDER EFFICIENT SERVICE AND COURTEOUS TREATMENT HAVE BEEN AMPLY REWARDED BY OUR SPLENDID GROWTH.

THE RESOURCES OF THIS BANK HAVE INCREASED OVER ONE MILLION DOLLARS WITHIN THE PAST THREE YEARS—
CONCLUSIVE PROOF OF THE SERVICE RENDERED AND THE REPUTATION IT BEARS.

ANY SERVICE RENDERED THAT IS NOT SATISFACTORY TO THE ONE SERVED IS NOT SATISFACTORY TO US.

IF YOU HAVE DIRECTED A NEW ACCOUNT OR SPOKEN TO SOME ONE ABOUT US, WE THANK YOU; IF YOU HAVE NOT, WE WILL MOST SINCERELY APPRECIATE YOUR DOING SO.

FOUR PER CENT PAID ON SAVINGS AND TIME DEPOSITS.

YOUR BUSINESS WILL BE APPRECIATED

HANCOCK COUNTY BANK

WEBB AND GIERING IN RACE FOR MAYOR RUN OVER TODAY

Municipal Primary of Last Saturday
Gave Decisive Vote For Assessor,
Marshal and Aldermen in Three
Wards—Second Primary in Pro-
cess Today.

F. H. EGLOFF, FOR ASSESSOR,
LED TICKET.

Citizens Voting Today For Mayor,
Street Commissioner and Alder-
man in Second Ward—Consider-
able Interest Manifested in Elec-
tion Today.

With a kindly feeling for Bay St.
Louis, the weather in gave ex-
cellent weather on Saturday last
for the municipal Democratic primary
election. No better could have been
picked. In addition to the interest of
voters and others the good weather
brought out a large vote.

Voting took place at the City Hall,
and the usual good feeling and peace
prevailed. Excellent order prevailed
throughout the day. Without the
slightest untoward incident to mar
the serenity of a perfect day.

Anthony Thiery, Henry Cuneo and
W. O. Sylvester were commissioners
of election, and Wm. Ramond and
Leo Blaise clerks, while W. H. Mc-
Daniel served as peace and returning
officers. The same commissioners
were reappointed to serve today for
the second run-off.

The race today is for the mayor-
alty, R. W. Webb and B. J. Giering
in final conclusion, with August Ta-
coni and Fred Bandet for street
commissioner, and R. C. Blaise and
Frank Quintini for alderman in the
Second Ward.

F. H. Egloff led the ticket, receiv-
ing the highest number of votes cast
for any one candidate. He polled
408 votes.

Mr. Egloff is representative of this
vote of confidence and, accordingly,
as an earnest of the appreciation has
a card of thanks to the voters and
others appearing in this issue of The
Echo.

Albert Jones, for city marshal, also
made an excellent run. He will be
quoted as saying that he will be
glad to have the office. Mayor, re-
ceived thirty-two votes each.
The election will be held on
Monday, March 4, at 10 o'clock.

are interesting and many will keep
the table for future reference.

NAME.	Ward 1.	Ward 2.	Ward 3.	Total.
Mayor:				
Giering	113	86	75	374
Webb	152	66	50	368
Gillies	7	13	8	35
Tax Collector:				
Egloff	149	112	96	514
Zeigler	122	44	40	230
City Marshal:				
Albert Jones	152	95	72	395
Andy Becker	122	63	64	378
August Taconi	64	27	20	151
Joseph Caperton	125	64	54	303
Lem Fayre	28	11	11	61
F. Bandet, Sr.	53	55	54	202
Alderman:				
Ward 1:				
W. A. Simpson	128			128
Wm. C. Sick	144			144
Ward 2:				
John Beuhler		32		32
R. S. Blaise		61		61
Frank Quintini		97		97
Ward 3:				
Arnold		43		43
Blaise		91		91
Ward 4:				
P. T. Carver			41	41
F. J. Lawler			36	36

Majorities: Egloff, 178; Albert
Jones, 72; Wm. C. Sick, 16; P. T.
Carver, 5; Blaise, 48.

A visit to the polls this forenoon
shows considerable interest man-
ifested. The candidates are busy
getting the voters out and in all there
is apparently as much interest as last
Saturday. The same excellent order
of last Saturday prevailed. The tick-
et short, it is expected the results
will be known at an early hour this
evening.

DISEASES REPORTED FROM HAN- COCK COUNTY, 1922, 1923.

Mississippi State Board of Health
Gives Official Report.

Dr. R. N. Whitfield, director, bu-
reau vital statistics, at Jackson, has
compiled the following figures, a
tabulation of the diseases named, for
the years 1922, 1923:

Disease	Cases 1922	Cases 1923
Cancer	13	11
Chickens	37	79
Diphtheria	3	33
Epidemic dysentery	30	33
Influenza	250	190
Malaria	535	532
Measles	6	0
Whooping Cough	22	9
Scarlet Fever	0	0
Smallpox	0	0
Typhoid	0	0
Scarlet Fever	0	0
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LISTENING IN ON THE MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE

By The Sentinel at the State House.

Impending Crisis Grown in Intensity as Legislature Faces Acute Revenue
Problem—Grave Constitutional Difficulties Make Rough Road for
Severance Tax and Graduated Income Tax—Fate of Gasoline Money
Uncertain—Will Tax Levy Be Raised to 10 Mills Despite Resolu-
tion of Opening Days?

(Special Correspondence The Sea Coast Echo.)

Legislative affairs are rapidly ap-
proaching a crisis—and that crisis can
be explained by one short word—
"Taxes." The coming week will
likely see the revenue measures
framed by the House ways and
means committee presented to the
representatives for their action—and
then the trouble will start.

Taxes have been a source of trouble
ever since the world began. Shrewd
opponents tried to trap Jesus of
Nazareth on the subject of taxes and
forced him into a word or act host-
ile to Imperial Rome with her
multitude of tax-collecting officials.
The answer of Our Master has rung
down the ages: "Render unto Caesar
the things that are Caesar's, and unto
God the things that are God's." It
was opposition to the unrighteous
taxes levied by church and state that
caused Martin Luther to declare him-
self against the abuses of his day
and begin a movement of tremendous
importance to all nations and all
times. It was a matter of taxes and
the methods of their collection that
in part precipitated the American
revolution. And it is taxes today
that bend the back of the European
peasant and spells impending ruin
for the English landholder. Con-
gress is at present wrestling with the
various plans for tax reduction, and
the two dominant political parties are
each trying to jockey themselves into
a favorable position for the approach-
ing national campaign. Some ways
in the doubtful States are even sug-
gesting that if the Republicans don't
stop talking so much about the "Mo-
nopoly tax," they are going to lose the
next vote.

Mississippi's Situation.
But the Mississippi Legislature is
faced to face with a condition and not
theory, on the matter of taxes.
Here is the hard fact: Taxes today
are not sufficient to meet the needs
of the State. The present eight mill
tax levy proved insufficient to raise
enough money to equal the appropri-
ations made by the last Legislature.
The result is a deficit of about two
million dollars. All the 37 counties
are in debt, and the State is in a
financial straits, as never before.

At the end of the last year, the
State was in debt to the tune of
\$1,000,000. The deficit for the year
1923 is estimated at \$2,000,000.
The Legislature is now faced with
the problem of how to raise the
necessary money to meet the State's
needs. The House has proposed a
severance tax on the production of
oil and gas, and a graduated income
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so as to apply all the gasoline tax
funds to the roads.

Back at the Beginning.

And now, friends, Romans, coun-
trymen, where are we? Sure and we
are back where we began with a
treasury deficit, an eight mill levy
which is admittedly inadequate, and
the governor's unequalled statement
that he will veto all appropriation
bills unless enough revenue is in sight
to avoid a deficit on account of cur-
rent expenses. Do you wonder that
Joe George and Lowry Love and the
members of their committees are
sitting up nights seeking a way out?

A few bold-blooded members have
had the courage to take their political
lives in their hands and rise and ad-
vocate raising the tax levy to ten
mills. It would seem a logical thing
to do in view of the State's financial
condition, but there is that joint resolu-
tion in which the legislators solemn-
ly resolved to leave the levy where it
is.

The so-called "low pressure" mem-
bers talk a lot about reducing expen-
ditures and cutting out useless offices.
This is good campaign thunder, but
all the reforms they propose would
not reduce the tax levy a mill. It is
eight mills. With this clear cut ex-
pression starting them in the face,
the Senate finance committee and the
House ways and means committee
began to look around for additional
sources of revenue. (1) A severance
tax on timber had been proposed by
Governor Whitfield in his inaugural
address. But, alas, the attorney
general, in a careful opinion, declared
there was very grave doubt of the
constitutionality of such a tax, so
hopes of State income from this
source have well nigh vanished. (2)
But a graduated income tax worked
out by experts was received with
thinks by the two revenue commit-
tees. This is admittedly the fairest
kind of tax, since it places the bur-
den on the individual in proportion to
what he makes. If he makes little
or nothing, he pays little or nothing;
if he makes a lot, he pays in propor-
tion. An income tax is the applica-
tion of the Parable of the Talents to
the matter of taxation. But again
we say Alas! and heave a sigh like
that of the French villager when
asked, "When will the war end?"
The answer is, "When will the war
end?" In 1898, did not contemplate
these new modes of taxation or else
sought to guard against them. Car-
ful students of the law fear that Sec-
tion 112 of the Mississippi Constitu-
tion, providing that "taxation shall be
uniform and equal," is a life in the
path of any graduated income tax
and that the best this Legislature can
do is to levy one flat rate with consequent
shrinkage of revenue. Here, then, is
how No. 2. (3) Finally the Senate
passed the four cent gasoline tax and
added half a cent to the general
and for raising the State's debt.
And immediately the hue and cry is
raised from the State House to Win-
stonsville, Tenn. "This money should
be used for the roads," and a most
persistent demand for its advance for
that purpose. The result is that we
pay an average of 25 cents a State

taxes, while we pay annually the sum
of \$33 for county and local taxes.

So every time you cuss the Legisla-
ture once, just multiply your explo-
sives by six and one-half for the ben-
efit of the Board of Supervisors, the
trustees of the school district, and
the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of
your town. And don't forget to in-
clude "you and me" in hurling your
anathemas. For we have voted the
ninety million local bonds—we are pay-
ing taxes on; we can stop local waste
and extravagance any time we are
mild to, and we have the power to
recall local tax levying and money
spending officials. Incidentally it is a
safe bet that the counties of the
State waste as much tax money an-
nually as the State spends for all pur-
poses. The time is coming in Mis-
sissippi when the white light of pub-
licity and the full force of public
opinion is going to be turned on the
administration of county and local
affairs. The disclosures will be a re-
velation to those who have eyes to see
and ears to hear. Municipal reforms
throughout America were engineered
through adoption of the commission
form of government and the city
manager plan. A similar change in
county methods of doing business in the
counties seems inevitable. When it
comes, tax reforms on a considerable
scale should be possible.

Meanwhile, man while the
Mississippi Legislature is struggling
to make a ten mill budget fit an eight
mill levy. If you hear a sharp crack,
you will know that the elastic has
popped—or a tired brain has snapped.
By all means save the elastic!

SPRING TERM CIRCUIT COURT HANCOCK COUNTY.

Session Convened in Bay St. Louis
Monday Morning—Adjourned on
Tuesday to Reconvene Again Next
Monday Morning—Following Re-
port Grand Jury.

Spring term circuit court for Han-
cock county convened Monday morn-
ing in Bay St. Louis, as per schedule,
with Judge D. M. Graham presiding,
and adjourned Tuesday to reconvene
Monday morning, following the re-
port of the grand jury. The petit
jury was discharged Monday evening.
The grand jury has been in session
nearly all week. C. W. Fountain, of
Logtown, is foreman.

Bert Weber, Eugene Lizana and
John and Louis Favre charged with
making and having liquor in their
possession, were arraigned before
Judge Graham Monday. The men
pleaded guilty and will be sentenced by
the court Monday morning.

With the grand jury in session this
week and court following next week,
after receiving the report, it is ex-
pected the work will be expedited in
comparative short time, the docket
not as heavy as at other terms.

District Attorney Cowan, Sheriff
J. N. Fontenot, Clerk A. A. Kar-
son and Deputy Clerk A. G. Favre
were in their respective places at-
tending court during its session.

CONTRACT FOR FIRST UNIT OF HANCOCK COUNTY HIGH- WAY LET.

Board of Supervisors Let Contract
For 12-Mile Unit Road Building,
Sam Boyd, of Columbia, Is Lowest
Bidder and Lands Contract.

Pursuant to advertisement appear-
ing in The Echo, sealed bids were
opened Tuesday, at 11 o'clock, by the
Board of Supervisors, in special ses-
sion, for the building of a 12-mile
stretch of highway, known as Federal
Aid Project No. 159, between Pearl
River and Bay St. Louis. Better and
locally known as beginning from
Citizen street, on the outskirts of the
city and toward Westonville in the
direction of Logtown.

Sam Boyd, a contractor of Colum-
bia, Miss., was the lowest bidder, and
secured the contract for \$37,618.19.
He is to begin work at once. Mr.
Boyd gave it out he expected to go
to work within the next fifteen days
and it is his intention to rush work
to completion. He will operate un-
der the auspices of the State High-
way Commission. This is the first
unit for which contract has been let
for the building of a system of per-
manent highway for Hancock coun-
ty. Other contracts will be let next
Monday by the Board of Supervisors,
as per advertisement appearing else-
where in this issue of The Echo.

While the contract for the work
was \$37,618.19, the whole cost of
building this roadway, including
gravel, will amount to \$159,000.00.
The difference, the cost of the gravel
to be supplied by Hancock county,
the balance by the Federal and State
government.

This is quite an interesting piece
of news. Constructive and progres-
sive work, and its process will be
watched with more than ordinary in-
terest.

BRIDGE PARTY BY MR. PENN.

Mrs. George Penn's Nor. Front
street, was hostess to a bridge party
Friday afternoon, at the inviting
home. The interior had been de-
corated effectively with spring flowers
and here and there a deft touch by
some happy little conceit marked the
event all the more charming.

Among the guests were Mrs. R. de
Montluzin, Mrs. C. L. Wortham, Mrs.
E. J. Lechard, Mrs. Harry Perry,
Mrs. S. Power, Mrs. J. Borden, Mrs.
Winfield Partridge and Mrs. E. W.
Druckers.

Mrs. Wortham, Mrs. de Montluzin
and Mrs. Chapman were the most
successful contestants of the after-
noon and were given beautiful awards
for their success.

Mrs. R. de Montluzin has re-
turned from New Orleans, where she
spent the early part of the week with
her mother, Mrs. L. N. Word, who
has been quite ill. Mrs. E. J. Debut
has also been making visits to and
from her mother's bedside.

THE SEA COAST ECHO
C. C. Moreau, Editor and Publisher
Official Journal of the Board of
Supervisors, Hancock County, Miss.
Official Journal of Board of Mayor
and Aldermen City of Bay St. Louis
GREETINGS TO HANCOCK COUNTY SEAT.

Recently the discovery was made in this office that the Democrat, published at Flemington, N. J., was owned by Moreau Bros., and edited and managed by Daniel Howard Moreau, and a copy of The Sea Coast Echo was mailed forthwith. The copy of this paper was sent on its mission without comment, and it was interesting to speculate what it would bring in return.

The return is interesting, for in its issue of Thursday, February 21st, the Democrat, with its 16 pages, and an unusually handsome and readable paper from every angle, with liberal advertising patronage, carried the editorial reproduced below. It is interesting to see ourselves as others do, hence the comment on a number of news items appearing in the issue of The Echo mailed East, will be found of interest and for this reason herewith reproduced. Note how willing the editor of the Democrat is to share "some of the soft snow flakes" after he has commented on the scene of planting and digging potatoes, told of on the Wisner place.

The editor appreciates the greetings and we are sure so do the people of "the Hancock county seat."

The article follows:
"We are in receipt this week of a newspaper from Bay St. Louis, Mississippi. It is the Weekly 'Sea Coast Echo,' the county paper of Hancock county, Mississippi, and is published by Charles G. Moreau. Our first comment seems spontaneously to be, 'Well, what Moreau do you?'"

"But we cannot refrain from the same comment we always make when personal visitors or newspapers come to us from afar: 'How much alike all sections of America are.' Bay St. Louis, Miss., with its 3,033 inhabitants, might be cast out of the same mold as Flemington, N. J., with its 2,500 inhabitants according to the 1920 census. We are judging from the daily life of the people as reported in the columns of 'The Sea Coast Echo,' published 1,800 miles away, down there on the shores of the Gulf of Mexico.

"The ladies had their afternoon bridge party on St. Valentine's day. The firemen will give a dance on Thursday night. The banks will close on Washington's birthday. Full bred leghorn chicks sell to Mississippi poultrymen for 14c and Bars, Reds, Minorcas and Orpingtons for 16c, postpaid. The P. T. A. met at Waveland. And, even as Sheriff England used to do in Hunterdon county, New Jersey, Sheriff Bontemps of Hancock county, Mississippi, sallied out into the country and captured a still.

"But to note a few differences, 'Bontemps' seems to us too fancy a name for a sheriff. We remember, however, while Flemington is 50 miles from New York, Bay St. Louis is about 50 miles from old New Orleans, and the sprinkling of old French names throughout the Mississippi paper is about equal to that of the English names. Then, too, it seems strange, 'all athletics will temporarily cease during the Lenten season,' in the surrounding colleges.

"The tennis courts have opened for the summer season, and most wonderful of all: 'Quite an unusual sight was presented on the J. N. Wisner place a few days since—a scene only possible at this time of year in this section. On one side of the field men were digging potatoes and on the other a force were planting potatoes. The spacious place is being planted already for an early spring garden, and the usual successful and prolific results can be expected.'"

"We wish that we could share with Bay St. Louis some of the soft snow flakes which at this writing are lazily drifting down here to cover potato fields and all Hunterdon landscape alike under a beautiful white blanket. At least we send greetings to Editor Moreau and the Hancock county seat."

THE COMMUNITY MIRROR.

The newspaper is one institution in which the public should have a knowledge of its business side. A newspaper is the exponent of its home town. If it is not heartily supported on the financial side and if the people do not assist in its efforts to collect the news and report events accurately, the paper gives an unfavorable impression of the community. It leaves a bad impression with strangers. A prosperous newspaper is one of the strongest assets to a town and community. It is a force that attracts the attention of the outside world, and which works good to the public. Strangers reason that if a town doesn't support its newspaper it won't properly support its schools and other institutions, so he takes away his idea of settling in that community. Nothing reflects the merits of a town and the progressiveness of its people more than a well supported newspaper.

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FATHER MEERSCHAERT OF BAY ST. LOUIS DIES BISHOP OF OKLAHOMA CITY.

Residents of Bay St. Louis of the period of 1879 remember with tender memories and profound veneration Rt. Rev. Theophile Meerschaert, first Bishop of Oklahoma City, who was then a missionary priest in their midst.

The Bishop died the latter part of last week, in his 76th year. He was ordained priest December 23, 1871, and in 1879 was pastor of the parish of the Church of Our Lady of the Gulf, Bay St. Louis. Good Father Leduc, whose memory to Bay St. Louis and their descendants will remain imperishable, that year had gone to Europe and Father Meerschaert did not only fill the temporary vacancy in the church and parish, but like the pastor he was replacing, filled the charge with every grace and ministering attention as only Father Leduc knew how.

It was in this year, 1879, yellow fever was still raging and Father Meerschaert braved all dangers, with no thought of self, and assisted to nurse the stricken and succor the needy. His work in Bay St. Louis during 1879 will ever be remembered by those who survive.

Bishop Meerschaert was born in Russigne, near Renaix, Flanders, Belgium, August 24, 1847. He was ordained sub-deacon December 7, 1870; ordained deacon June 8, 1871; was ordained priest, as stated above, in 1871. He left Russigne for America September 26, 1872; arrived in New York October 13, and went to Natchez, Miss., October 27th of the same year.

It was at this time he came to this vicinity of South Mississippi. He was sent to the missions of Jordan River, Wolf River and Pearl River, November 16th, 1872; changed to Ocean Springs August 29th, 1874; took yellow fever the last Sunday of October, 1875. After nursing the sick for eight weeks had relapse.

Leaving Bay St. Louis, after he had endeared himself to every man, woman and child with whom he came in contact, by virtue of his unselfish love and devotion, he went to Natchez November 30, 1880. After the arrival of Bishop Jansens, as Bishop, he acted as vicar general and at the death of Very Rev. M. F. Gignou, April 18, 1887, received the title, 1888. Bishop Jansens was promoted to the Archbishopric of New Orleans, and he was appointed administrator Sede Vacante.

During 1889, says the late Bishop in his private diary, "Bishop Thomas Heslin was appointed to the See of Natchez and consecrated in New Orleans June 18th. Upon his arrival in Natchez, June 23rd, he appointed me vicar general."

Our people of Bay St. Louis, Jordan River, Wolf River and Pearl River Missions, as well as those of Ocean Springs, will join with the people of other sections where the Bishop was known and beloved, to unite in their sorrow to learn this God's Good Man is no more in the Lord's Vineyard here below; they will unite in their prayers for his eternal peace and happiness.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HANCOCK COUNTY AND GOOD ROADS.

On Monday next, the "first Monday of the month," there will be opened for consideration by the Board of Supervisors of Hancock county sealed bids for the construction of two road building projects, as per official advertisement appearing elsewhere in these columns.

The proposed roadways are part and will, as a whole, form an integral portion of a great highway scheme for Hancock county, connecting outlying communities and linking with the Spanish Trail. Communities are now isolated; the county seat is distant from many points over the county and the outside world is inaccessible. The new roadway plan will not only shorten distances, but open up an avenue of ingress and egress to the outside world.

Hancock County Board of Supervisors last year, with characteristic foresight, issued bonds for this purpose in the amount of \$400,000.00, which sum is available in cash. The federal government will meet this amount for similar work, operating on a fifty-fifty basis. Thus it will be seen that eight hundred thousand dollars is the sum total to be spent in building highways and by-ways to connect thereto during the present year.

The Board of Supervisors and the people who voted for these bonds have gone on record as progressive and fully aware of the trend of the times. This is essentially the beginning of a new era for Hancock county, and the people are going to profit by the progressiveness and constructive policy of the Board of Supervisors. Its members ever alive and alert to the best interest of the people. It is indeed gratifying to note such a disposition on the part of the people's local representatives, as well as the people themselves.

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GOVERNOR BREWER TO OPPOSE SENATOR HARRISON.

Senator Pat Harrison, ex-governor of Mississippi, and a public servant of constructive character, is to be opposed in his next race for the United States Senate for the seat occupied by Senator Pat Harrison. Governor Brewer has been connected with Mississippi politics since 1895, when he was elected State senator. In 1902 he was elected district attorney, which he resigned in 1907 to enter the race for governor, being defeated for the Democratic nomination that year by E. F. Noel. In 1911 he was nominated and elected governor without opposition. He has started to organize his campaign.

There could be no foe more powerful than Governor Brewer. Put on the other hand, Senator Harrison has made good. He is a power in the councils of his party and is a recognized leader at Washington. All that can be said at so early a stage in the game, is that the contest will be one of activity and general interest and proceedings in the premises from now on will be watched with more than ordinary interest.

Truly, in Mississippi politics there is never a dull moment.

HOPE IS FADING FOR REDUCTION OF TAXES.

Just as we predicted some time ago, the hope of lower taxes this year has about gone glimmering. Congress seems to have lost sight of the important matter of tax reduction in its desire to wash a lot of dirty linen growing out of the oil scandals. Mr. Mellon's plan for reducing taxes is being opposed, and another plan offered by the opposition, which would also reduce them, seems to have struck a political snag.

As a result, the taxpayers of this country can make up their minds to go right ahead bearing their tax burdens for many months to come.

For years we've seen the biggest fortunes of this country go untaxed, or taxed for very little when compared with the rates paid by the smaller property owners. Men with big fortunes place their money in securities that are tax free. Men with small incomes can't buy such securities, and are forced to shoulder their nation's burden of taxes. Today income taxes and war taxes are bringing in more than is required to run the government, and yet a bunch of men selected by the people to serve the people can't forget politics long enough to give Americans the relief they are entitled to. Where is the voter who cares whether the Republicans or Democrats lower our taxes so long as they are lowered? The present action of Congress is doing more to disgust the public with cheap political tactics than anything that has ever been pulled off in Washington. And you can bet that the average taxpayer is going to be mighty hard to reason with in future political campaigns, especially by those now in Congress, both Democrats and Republicans, who have it in their power to do something for the country, but won't.

LOSING BOTH WAYS—A LESSON FOR OUR PEOPLE.

There may really be times when ignorance is bliss. Not long ago a turkey that traveled from a farm in North Dakota to a man's table in New Jersey carried with it a little bit of explanation that convinced the man who ate the turkey that he lost money when he bought it and the producer lost money when he sold it. Concealed within the turkey's interior was a tiny bottle from the North Dakota farmer: "Dear Friend—I sold this turkey for 22c a pound. Please write me what you paid."

The purchaser had paid 66c a pound, or three times what the producer got for it. Commission men, transportation and retailers had eaten up the difference between 22c and 66c, or 44c. Somebody had gotten more for the turkey than the man got who raised it, fed it and carried it to market.

There is a lesson to be gained from this, and that is that the sooner people in Hancock county with something to sell learn that it can be disposed of to the consumer direct by parcels post the better they will be off. People who buy turkeys, eggs, chickens and a dozen other things raised in rural communities would far rather buy direct. Not only because it is cheaper, but because they know exactly where it comes from. The weekly newspapers of this country can act as your selling agent; a few cents invested in a small ad. in your home-town paper may reach someone who will become your permanent customer—and one customer always brings others. Isn't it worth trying?

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W. H. HARRISON, Administrator.

REPUBLICAN COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Bay St. Louis, Miss., Feb. 20, 1924.
The Republican Electors of Hancock County, Mississippi, are hereby notified to assemble at the County Court House, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, on Saturday, March 2, 1924, at 10 o'clock A. M., for the purpose of electing delegates to the County Convention to be held at Bay St. Louis, Miss., on Saturday, March 9, 1924.

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"I believe in God. I believe in all He said, because He said it, and because His infallible church heard Him, and told me what He said. I love Him with my whole heart and soul and strength and for His sake I hope through the merits of Jesus Christ, My Lord, Savior and Redeemer, to get pardon of all my sins. His friendship have while I live and Heaven when I die."

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DEATH OF MRS. D. C. WESTON AT LOGTOWN.

Widow of "Coney" Weston Passes Away at Home on Pearl River—Death Occurred Tuesday—Had Been Ill For Some Time—Burial at Logtown.

Mrs. Annie Kennedy Weston, widow of D. C. Weston, died at home in Logtown, Tuesday of this week, February 26, 1924, aged 53 years, 1 month and 20 days. She was a daughter of the late Catherine Cahill and Edward Kennedy.

Mrs. Weston had been ailing for quite a while. On New Year's Day she was taken with a stroke and her condition grew worse from time to time. She was survived by three daughters and two sons—Gertrude, Irene and Lucille, Horatio and Coney Weston.

Mrs. Weston was a devout Catholic and died in the faith. Her funeral took place Tuesday afternoon from the late residence and the remains were laid "at rest" in the family burial place, Logtown Cemetery. The funeral was largely attended by the people of Logtown and surrounding country. She was well and widely known. A woman of many Christian virtues, and her passing away is the occasion for much sorrow.

She is preceded to the grave by her husband, D. C. Weston, a member of the firm of H. Weston Lumber Company, who died April 19th of last year in his 57th year.

The daughters and sons and other relatives have the deepest sympathy of the people of Hancock county and elsewhere in their double bereavement in so short a time. The death of this estimable woman removes from the community a life of Logtown and surrounding country one who will be missed by many. She was ever responsive to every call in the interest of humanity and the record of her deeds will long survive. Her death is not only a loss to the family, but one to the community and its people.

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Reduce The Railroads Bills -and They Will Reduce Yours

Many people seem to think that by simply repeating the magic words "We will reduce rates," the railroads can make a big cut in rates. Evidently they do not realize that existing rates are based upon what it costs railroads to furnish transportation. About 80c on every \$1 collected by the railroads now goes for operating expenses, leaving only 20c to pay interest, replace worn-out equipment, make necessary improvements and expensings pay taxes and the dividends to which stockholders are legitimately entitled.

While railroad rates, on an average, are 50% higher than in 1914, operating expenses are 400% higher, and these costs are not fixed by the railroads and cannot be regulated by them. Before the public can enjoy the benefit of lower rates, the railroads must be given the benefit of lower costs on the essentials of operation. This means that everyone depending on the railroads would have to accept smaller pay.

Through greater efficiency in all operations, railroads have been able to effect many savings, which have been passed back to the public in improved service and in rate reductions amounting to more than one billion dollars during the past three years.

If the railroads are to continue to furnish adequate service, a general reduction of rates will not be possible until operating expenses can be reduced; which can be done only when those things which the railroads purchase are reduced in price.

In the final analysis, lower railroad rates hinge entirely upon the public's ability and willingness to live at lower cost.

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Insurance	855.07
Pay Roll	23,878.48

\$41,237.59

Practically all of this Money is left at home.

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You know it is so easy to take a cold these days, and then you feel miserable—and it's hard to get out and do a day's work. Very often you have to pay a visit to the doctor, or have him visit you—costly, either way.

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Recent Visitor From Great Southwest Gives Impressions of Recent Visit—Farming Development Stressed—"Until Bay St. Louis Has Good Public Schools Will Not Take One Step Forward"—California School System Cited—Catering to the Tourist—Must Know About Schools, Churches, Accommodations—The Mystery of the Moss-Covered Woodland

Now let us consider the building of community. It is hard for a town of your size to exist properly without an agricultural community. Such community is badly needed around Bay St. Louis. But the farmer wants to know a few things. First, what will he have to do to get his land secondly, what will it grow and how much will it cost to produce a crop; thirdly, the market conditions; fourthly, advantages for his family in the way of schools, etc. There are many considerations, but these are the most important. This information is not available. It should be obtained and published. If the land around Bay St. Louis has any value,

Cardal has relieved many kinds of pains and distressing symptoms caused by female troubles. It should help you, too, in the same way. Why not give it a try?

DEVELOPMENT OF GULF COAST OYSTER INDUSTRY.

**More and Better Oysters Shipped
From Pass Christian—Experiment
of Reserving Reefs for Tonging
Proves Wisdom—Bay St. Louis
Reef Can Be Improved.**

Essential to Advance Propagation.
Continuing its article, the Beacon says:
"The extension of outside reefs for dredging and the developing of a greater area of inside bottoms for tonging is absolutely essential if our

Official announcement of the merger of the Canal Commercial Trust and Savings Bank and the Citizens Bank and Trust Company of New Orleans, involving combined resources of approximately \$90,000,000 and deposits in excess of \$65,000,000, was made today following a meeting of officers and the boards of directors of the two institutions. Approval of the stockholders of the two banks was assured, it was stated. The Citizens Bank is the oldest financial institution in the city, having been founded in 1838. Its last financial statement, issued January 1, showed resources of \$19,449,518.88. The Canal Commercial Bank, another of the city's oldest institutions in its field, was founded in 1854. Its last financial statement, issued in 1913, showed resources of \$13,000,000. The merger of the two banks, the result of a combination

The Senatobia Democrat, a paper 35 years old, conducted by Snyder & Rev. Father [unclear] pastor of the church at Del [unclear] and [unclear]

Among the States having a law compelling the publication of assessment rolls, both real and personal, is that of Illinois. It has been widely published that as a result of such publication in Illinois, has put millions of dollars into the State and

LAWYER GIVEN RIGHT TO PRACTICE IN WIFE'S COURT.

The question was submitted by Robert L. McLondon, an attorney at Sabastapol, Scott county, his wife being justice of the peace.

General Knox explains that while Section 171 of the Constitution provides that there shall be no relationship by affinity or consanguinity between the justice of the peace and the parties that come before him for trial, it has nothing to say about the attorney in the case being related to the justice of the peace.

All those responsible in this contest should leave nothing undone to make it a success.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS.

Sealed bids will be received by the Board of Supervisors of Hancock County, at the office of the Clerk of said Board, Bay St. Louis, Miss., until 11 o'clock A. M., MONDAY, APRIL 1, 1924.

For the contract for rebuilding and graveling road from Logtown to Old Spanish Bluff, and also for the purchase of 1000 ft. of plans, and specifications on file in the Clerk's office.

Bids to be on unit basis, as set out in the plans and specifications on file in the Clerk's office.

All bidders to deposit cashier's check for \$1000.00 as evidence of good faith in the making of bond.

The successful bidder shall furnish bond for the completion of the work.

The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

This the 8th day of February, A. D. 1924.

J. M. KERGOSSON, Clerk.

By A. G. FAVER, D. C.

(Seal.)

Sealed bids will be received by the Board of Supervisors of Hancock County at the Courthouse, in the Board Room, Bay St., Natchez, Miss., until 10 o'clock A. M., Monday, September 18, 1923.

The contract for rebuilding gravel road from Kilm to Harrison County line, on the left bank of the Kilm-Gulfport Road, approximately 6 miles long, plans and specifications on file in the office of the Engineer.

All bids to be on unit basis, as set out in the plans and specifications on file in the office of the Engineer.

All bidders to deposit cashier's check for the sum of \$1,000.00 as evidence of good faith.

The successful bidder shall furnish bond for the amount of his bid.

Bidders are hereby given the right to reject any and all bids.

This the 8th day of August, D. 1923.
Attest
By A. G. FAVERE, D. C.

The State of Mississippi.
To Bert H. Lillburn.
You are commanded to appear before
the Chancery Court of the County of Han-
cock, in said State, on the 4th Monday of
April, A. D. 1924, to defend the suit in
said Court of Nell Lillburn, wherein you
are a defendant.
This 2nd day of February, A. D. 1924.
(Seal.) A. A. KERGOSIEN, Clerk.
By A. G. FAVRE, D. C.

To Fred G. North.
You are commanded to appear before
the Chancery Court of the County of
Hancock, in said State, on the 4th Mon-
day of April, A. D. 1924, to defend the
title in said court of Mrs. Rita L. Breath,
wherein you are a defendant.
This 19th day of February, A. D. 1924.
(Seal.) A. A. KERGOSIEN, Clerk.
By A. G. FAYRE, D. C.

By virtue of the provisions of a certain
 decree rendered in the Chancery Court of
 Hancock County, Mississippi, on the 1st
 day of February, 1924, cause No. 2681,
 styled Exparte Mrs. R. R. Perkins, et al.,
 as Special Commissioner in said cause,
 do hereby certify that on
 Monday, the 3rd Day of March, 1924,
 at the front door of the Court House, in
 St. Louis, Hancock County, Missis-
 sippi, within legal hours after the sale

that part of the $\frac{3}{4}$ of Lot 6, Section T. 8 S., R. 14 West, which lies south the Gainesville Road, and that part of $\frac{1}{4}$ of said Section 33, T. 8 S., R. 14 W. which lies north of the said public road, containing in the aggregate 105 acres, more or less.

Also a tract or parcel of land described as follows: Beginning at a point on the dividing the $\frac{E}{4}$ of S. E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Lot No. 33, Section 33, T. 8 S., R. 14 W.,

divisional public road intersects said sub-divisional line; thence N. 5 degrees along said sub-divisional line, 14 chains to E. 32 $\frac{1}{2}$ links; thence S. 88 degrees E. 6 chains and 28 $\frac{1}{2}$ links; thence S. 16 degrees 30 minutes, E. 10 chains and 98 $\frac{1}{2}$ links to the northern line of the aforementioned public road; thence S. 69 degrees 45 minutes, W. 11 chains and 38 links to the place of beginning, containing 10.84 acres, and being a part of the

on to the Town of Waveland, with the
section of Lots 11, 16, 17 and 18, of
Sec. 2. Said sub-division is situate in
NW 1/4 of Lot 6 of Section 23, T. 8 S., R.
W. and the plat thereof is of record
Book of Municipal Plats No. 1, in the
office of the Clerk of the Chancery Court
Hancock County, Mississippi.
Also that part of the NW 1/4 of NW 1/4
Section 4, T. 8 S., R. 14 W. lying north of
Gainesville public road, containing 2

Witness my signature this 6th day
February, A. D. 1924.

A. A. KERGOSEN,
Special Commissioner.

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Lumber Company's fence and the east side of NW¹/₄ of NW¹/₄ of SW¹/₄ of Section 24, T. 7 S., R. 14 West, described as follows:

Beginning at the corner of W¹/₄ of NW¹/₄ of SW¹/₄ of Section 24, T. 7 S., R. 14 West, and thence running west 113 feet to the corner of Cueva Creek; and thence running southerly along fence 1,337 feet to the intersection of the line between the NW¹/₄ of SE¹/₄ and the SW¹/₄; and thence running easterly 80.76 feet East 94 feet to the SE corner of NE¹/₄ of SW¹/₄ of SW¹/₄ of Section 24, and thence running N 82° E for 100 feet, the place of beginning.

That parcel of land commencing at the intersection of the line between the NW¹/₄ of SE¹/₄ and the SW¹/₄ of Section 24, T. 7 S., R. 14 West, running thence South 163 yards; thence in a northeasterly direction 100 yards to the intersection of section line, thence 250 yards, to the place of beginning.

That parcel of land, Section 3, T. 7 S., R. 14 West, some one-half acre on which stands the Durham Chapel of the Methodist Episcopal Church, commencing at the SE corner of the NE¹/₄ of Section 3, and running north 110 feet, thence 198 feet, thence 110 feet, the place of beginning.

That parcel of land, Section 3, T. 7 S., R. 14 West, lying at the NW corner of the NE¹/₄ of the SE¹/₄ of Section 3, and running North 110 feet, starting point, running south 297 yards, the place of beginning, said public road above mentioned; said above

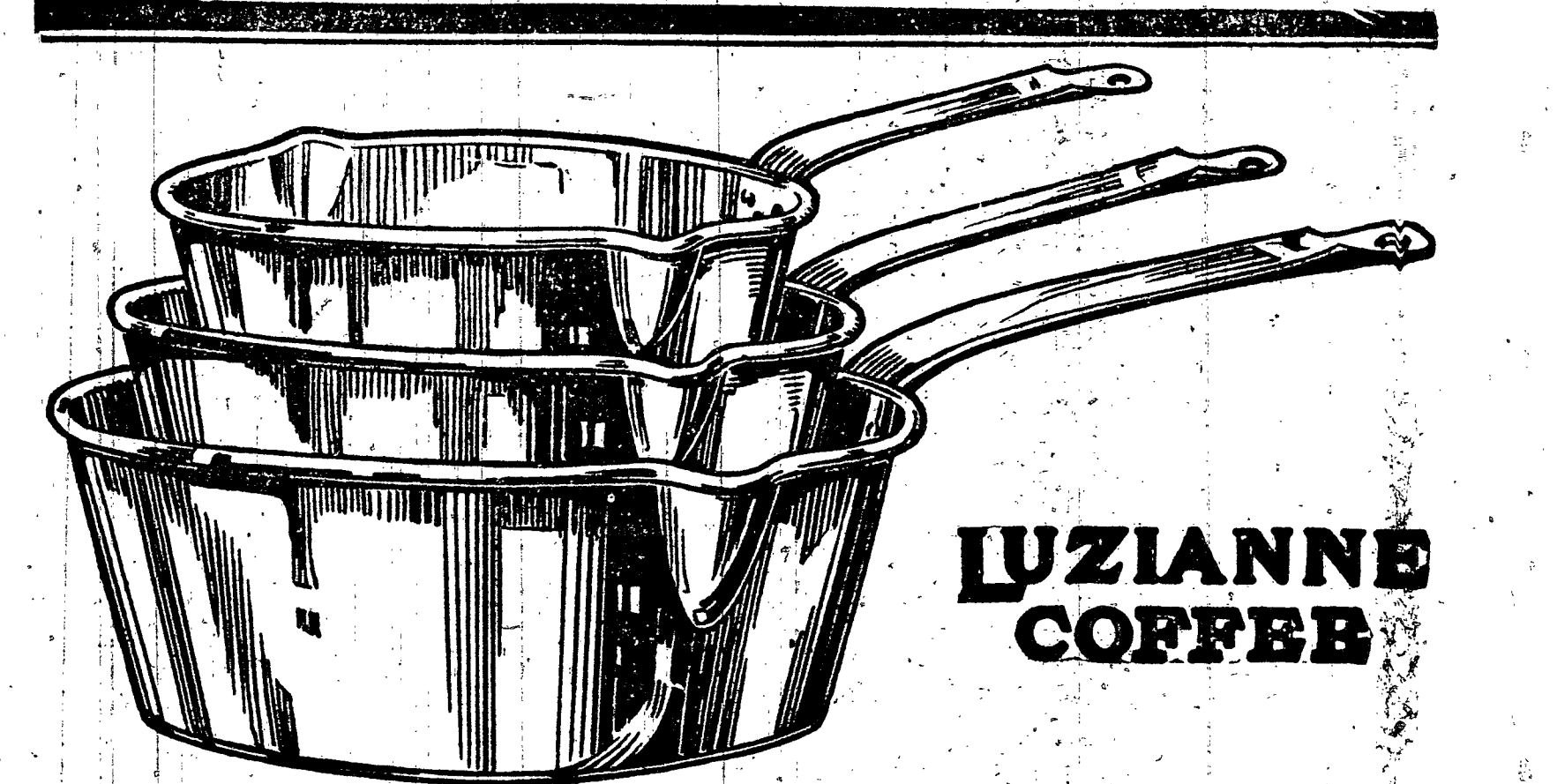
public road being the east line of the land herein described; this tract of land being known as Lot No. 1, and is situated in Section 3, T. 6 S., R. 14 West, this land being bounded by the following corners, to-wit: Turbine Still, Barn Buildings, Store, Corn or Shop, and Barn Buildings of Durham et al.; Chassey are the south line of said tract of land known as Lot No. 2, as described as beginning at the SE corner of Lot No. 1, running thence north 70° 30' East 100 yards, thence south 70° 30' East 100 yards, thence south to starting point, thence west 100 yards, thence North 8° S., R. 14 West, and the same lot of land owned by Durham dwelling upon stands

on the East side of the public road, the distance of 1,450 chains south of the half section line east and west of Section 3, Township 6 South, Range 14 West, the NE corner of Lot No. 2, conveyed by Elmira Laidley to D. D. Durham; thence running east 150 yards, thence North 70° 30' East to the lot herein described; thence south 70° 30' East 100 yards, thence North 8° S., R. 14 West, and the same lot of land owned by Durham dwelling upon stands

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Witness my signature, this 6th day of February, A. D. 1924.

KERGOSEN,
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